

ALLIES REPEL GERMAN DASH ACROSS AISNE

Kaiser's Army Developing New Activity at Centre of Far-reaching Line of Battle.

Artillery Action Grows Fiercer in Flanders Field, as Floods Stop Extended Infantry Movements. Soldiers Suffer in Trenches.

Unable to attempt movements of troops upon a large scale because of the flooded condition of the country, the contending armies along the western Flanders front are confining their efforts largely to artillery cannonading, which has increased in violence.

There have been a few infantry attacks in this region, the French War Office reporting the repulse of the Germans at Bixchoote and at Ypres, and progress for the Allies between Bixchoote and the Yser Canal and between Armentieres and La Bassee.

This apparent deadlock in the north has been accompanied by renewed German activity along the Aisne, and an attempt by the Kaiser's army to cross that river near Vailly has been repulsed. The artillery duel in this region and in the neighborhood of Rheims is also growing in intensity.

The French claim gains in the region south of Verdun, and report that a part of the village of St. Mihiel, which the Germans have held for weeks, has been recaptured.

Cracow, the Galician capital, is aflame in several places, according to dispatches from unofficial sources. The Russian army advancing from the northeast began an investment on the north on Saturday, and with the arrival of siege guns from Mieschow attacked the outer forts. Another Russian army is hastening from Tarnow to the objective, and the investment will soon be complete.

Berlin confirms reports of victory over the Russians in the vicinity of Block, on the Vistula, about half way between Warsaw and the Silesian stronghold of Thorn. Announcement is made that a Russian army of 120,000 was defeated, with the loss of 23,000 prisoners. This indicates that the Germans still have advance on Warsaw in contemplation. In East Prussia Berlin reports successful resistance to the Russian advance at Soldau and Stalluponen.

Petrograd has admitted the new German offensive in Poland with the explanation that the Kaiser's forces have been checked after a temporary advantage in the vicinity where the retreating Germans had concentrated. No apprehension is felt, Petrograd says, of a further movement against Warsaw. The War Office reports successful continuance of East Prussian operations.

The Austrian army invading Serbia has pushed back the stubbornly resisting defenders to Kelnbrna, south of Belgrade, which is now open to attack on this side, as well as across the Danube. Eight thousand Serbians were captured during a nine-day battle.

Russian warships have aided the Czar's troops in Black Sea fighting, driving back the Turks near Khairum with heavy losses.

British and Indian troops have taken the town of Fao, on the Persian Gulf, and driven the Turks inland, says London. The Khedive of Egypt, it is said, will lead the Turks in the invasion of Egypt.

Russia's fleet in the Baltic is reported to have left its base at Helsingfors and sailed southwest. A naval battle is expected, as it is said the Russians are moving to engage the German fleet.

FLAMES DESTROY CHURCH

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 17.—Fire of unknown origin today ruined the Second United Presbyterian Church, Stanton and Myrtle avenues. The loss may exceed \$50,000.

When the fire was discovered flames were coming from the basement under the main auditorium. Within an hour after the first alarm was sent in the city, auditorium and Sunday school rooms were destroyed. Only the stone walls remain standing.

Yellow Fever on Steamship

HAVANA, Nov. 17.—Two passengers who arrived yesterday on the steamship Esperanza, from Progreso, Yucatan, Mexico, were found to have yellow fever and have been isolated. Newsagents from Mexico which arrived on the same steamship reported two cases of yellow fever at Merida, Yucatan.

FEAR FOR WIFE'S SAFETY WHITENED SOLDIER'S HAIR

New Yorker Tell of Nursing Wounded Belgian Trooper.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—After weathering the heaviest gale she has met since her launching, the Sant' Anna, of the Flares line, reached port yesterday two days behind her schedule. At one time the wind reached the 100-mile-an-hour point.

On board were Miss Marguerite Black, her mother and brother, Robert, Miss Black and her mother went to Mar-sailles to bring Robert, who was at school there, home to Scarsdale, N. Y. They spent a week in Lyons in the service of the Red Cross.

Miss Black nursed a young Belgian soldier whose hair was white, and who was dumb for 24 hours from fear that his wife and family had been butchered in Lens, where he left them.

C. W. PICKERING, JR., FALLS DEAD ACROSS TABLE FROM WIFE

Prominent Banker and Clubman Victim of Heart Attack After Breakfasting in Town House.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Fire, wreck at sea and starvation followed the 66-mile gale that lashed the North Atlantic coast for the last few days. There was slight abatement of the terrific blow today, but from Norfolk to Eastport, Maine, the vital life-saving corps was redoubled.

Many sailing vessels which left ports just before the sea storm broke with tornado-like force still are unheard from. Special lookouts have been established all along the coast to search for vessels which may have been whipped into helplessness.

The gale reached its greatest intensity about midnight last night. During its height the steam canal steamer Eureka, running to cover before a northeaster, plunged into Smith's Island Reef, off the Connecticut coast. She is a total loss. The vessel carried 3000 tons of feldspar for Trenton, N. J. Captain Mills, his wife and the crew were saved by Captain Tharston Stahel, who took them off in a dory.

At Smith's Island, Delaware, the schooner Massachusetts was driven fast ashore. The captain and his crew of seven were taken off by a lifesaving crew.

Captain G. V. Griffen and six men of the battered schooner M. K. Rawley were picked up unconscious from exposure and loss of food. The men had fought their way through freezing surf to land. Captain Griffen was forced to drive his ship ashore when an oil tank forward exploded and added fire to the storm horrors. The men are at Eastport in a critical condition.

SHIP'S SAILS IN TATTERS

Captain Calls Storm Strangest He Ever Met.

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 17.—With her canvas in tattered ribbons and all her deck things carried away, the four-masted schooner Edwin R. Hunt, New York from Southampton, reached port here today. Only the fact that she was lumber-laden prevented her foundering.

According to Captain M. L. Gilbert, the storm which shattered the Hunt's sails was one of the most peculiar he ever encountered. He declared that the schooner blew 70 miles an hour and shifted so quickly it was impossible for him to lay his ship before the wind. For hours, he said, the waves broke over the schooner and he and his men had to lash themselves to masts to prevent being washed away.

C. W. PICKERING, JR.

Assistant trust officer of the United Security Life Insurance and Trust Company of Pennsylvania, who died today.

Charles W. Pickering, Jr., assistant trust officer of the United Security Life Insurance and Trust Company of Pennsylvania, 605 Chestnut street, collapsed at the breakfast table today in his town house, 3027 Locust street. He died a few moments later.

With the banker at the time was his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Elizabeth Bunting. Mr. Pickering had been a sufferer from acute indigestion for some months. Heart failure was the direct cause of his death.

He was carried to his room by servants. A physician was called in, and an effort made to revive the stricken man, but without avail. Mr. Pickering was 42 years old.

He was a member of the Union League, the Merton Cricket Club, the Plymouth Country Club and the Philadelphia Automobile Club. He was a director in the latter institution. He had a country home on Morris road, Ambler, Pa., which he recently closed for the winter, leaving only servants there.

Mr. Pickering had been associated with the United Security Company since November, 1901. He left his office yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock apparently in good health, and the news of his sudden death came as a distinct shock to his associates and friends throughout the city.

John J. Wilkinson, trust officer at the bank went to the Pickering home shortly after the death of his assistant. Arrangements are being made for the funeral, and an attempt is also being made to locate Mrs. William W. Doughton, a sister, who left last week for an extended visit.

Mr. Pickering was born in Philadelphia and educated in private schools. Later he was graduated from Rugby. He was a member of the First Unitarian Church.

Early in life he entered in business with his father. The concern manufactured railroad springs and was known as the Pickering Spring Company. In 1901 Mr. Pickering left his father's business to assume the duties of Assistant Trust Officer at the United Security Company.

SIXTY-MILE GALE LEAVES TRAIL OF WRECK AND FIRE

North Atlantic Coast From Norfolk to Maine Lashed by Storm Which Holds Vessels Helpless.

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LAWYER FIGHTING DIVORCE CALLS CITY "RENO OF THE EAST"

Laxity of Laws Here Issue on Which Injunction Is Granted in New York Courts.

"Philadelphia, the Reno of the East." This description of the Quaker City was made by a Brooklyn lawyer appearing against another member of the bar in a New York court, for an injunction to halt divorce proceedings in this city.

The attorney charged that William Dwight Teese, of Brooklyn, had made application for a divorce in this city and had almost succeeded in getting it without his wife's knowledge.

Former District Attorney John F. Clarke, of Kings County, New York, appeared for the wife, Mrs. Daisy Teese. Justice Benedict granted an injunction against Teese, restraining him from proceeding further with his case before the Common Pleas Courts of this city, where the case had progressed so far that his wife's default had been noted. Final hearing on the case was to have been given next Wednesday.

According to Mr. Clarke, all a divorce litigant has to do in this city is to maintain a nominal residence here for one year. He submitted proof to Justice Benedict that Teese had been a resident of Brooklyn for 48 years, and that he had voted there this year and maintained a law office in the borough.

Philadelphia lawyers and jurists united in denying the charge that Philadelphia was the "Reno of the East." They declared divorce records in this city would bear comparison with those of any other community of its size.

"Our divorce laws are among the best," said Judge Patterson. "Divorces are granted only for good, valid reasons, such as faithlessness, cruel and abusive treatment. In order to get a divorce a person must have been a resident here for a period of more than one year."

Judge Sulzberger declined to discuss the charge, dismissing it with a laugh.

\$4,000,000 WORTH OF BULLETS

Illinois Concern Gets Orders From Warring Nations.

ALTON, Ill., Nov. 17.—Orders for approximately \$4,000,000 worth of bullets for Europe have been received at the Western Cartridge Company plant, and the plant has started working night and day to fill them. President F. W. Olin of the company said today that the ultimate destination of the shipments is not known to them. The orders have been placed by New York brokers and are re-shipments.

The 30-06 caliber long steel jacketed bullet, the seven millimeter cartridge and the .43-caliber lead bullet, non-jacketed, make up the bulk of the orders.

Almost every nationality is represented in the factory. The workers are paid for piece work. The rivalry has become so keen and lights so frequent that President Olin was compelled today to announce he would discharge any employee who took part in a war argument during working hours.

250 Chickens Perish in Fire

READING, Pa., Nov. 17.—Fire today destroyed a large barn on the farm of Frank J. Soper, containing a large number of chickens. Considerable stock, including 250 chickens and farm implements, were consumed.

SIX INCHES OF SNOW

Record Fall for Season Reported From Sauk Ste. Marie.

SAULT STE MARIE, Nov. 17.—The Government weather bureau today reported a record snowfall for this time of year, nearly six inches having fallen since 10 o'clock last night.

No vessels have locked through the Soo since yesterday afternoon.

Three-inch Snowfall in York State

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Nov. 17.—Up to noon today three inches of snow had fallen in northern parts of the State. The fall continues unabated.

TRESPASSER WOUNDED

Shooting Follows Argument on Sten-ton Athletic Grounds.

Fred G. Walz, 3036 Stillman street, is in the Famaritan Hospital today with a bullet in his leg, and Stanley K. Smith, of the Sten-ton Athletic Club, 29th street and Lehigh avenue, is under arrest at the Ridge and Mifflin avenues station on the charge of shooting him.

Smith told the police he saw Walz and the groundkeeper, Joseph Wilk, 304 Priscilla street, talking this morning. He thought Walz had struck the groundkeeper, he says, and started firing near his feet to frighten him. Walz took a step back and the bullet struck him in the leg.

According to the groundkeeper, he had been in the habit of crossing the club grounds on his way to work. This morning he stopped the man to tell him he was trespassing and would have to keep out in the future.

BERGDOLL IN TROUBLE AGAIN OVER AUTOMOBILE LICENSE

Fined by Ardmore Justice and Held for Court on Two Charges.

Grover C. Bergdoll, racing automobile driver and aeroplane pilot, who recently served a prison term for fast driving on the roads on the Main Line, was fined \$10 and costs for not having a driver's license on the charge of operating a car with a license other than his own by Squire Warner in the Ardmore justice court.

Bergdoll paid his fine under protest and furnished bail for his trial in court in Norristown during the December term.

The Ardmore police station was crowded when Bergdoll faced Captain James Donahy, of the Main Line police force. Donahy scored another victory over the young driver. He proved that the car driven by Bergdoll upon the night it collided with another, throwing two women into the roadway, had been carried the license number of Kirby R. Gile. It was Pennsylvania license 114,383.

Gile, a minor, a son of Ben C. Gile, of Bryn Mawr, Young Gile, according to Donahy, is now away at a preparatory school and never owned a car.

Bergdoll denied that he had any knowledge of the license number being Gile's. He said that it was probably placed on the car through the employ of the Irwin Motorcar Company, at 1st and Dauphin streets, in which he is said to be interested. He contended that he did not need a driver's license, being a dealer.

FIRE FOLLOWS BURGLARS' FAILURE TO BLOW SAFE

\$10,000 Damage to Elisha Webb Sons' Ship Chandlery.

Fire thought to have been started by burglars who failed to pry open a safe in the basement and first floor of the Elisha Webb Sons & Co. ship chandlery, 136 South Front street, early today. The loss is estimated at close to \$10,000.

Two alarms were sent in when it was learned the basement contained barrels of turpentine and bates of inflammable hemp.

Six or seven hundred barrels of lubricating oil and large quantities of lined oil, paint and varnish were stored in the adjoining warehouse occupied by Loos & Dilworth. Had the flames spread to this building the entire neighborhood would have been endangered.

A policeman of the 3d and De Lancey streets station discovered the blaze. When firemen arrived the flames had eaten through to the first floor. It was almost impossible for firemen to enter the building. Several lines of hose were run into the basement, however, and after a fight lasting fully an hour the flames were under control. The upper floors were saved.

The police are now searching for the burglars who left evidence of their work. It is believed the men were amateurs. They used tools taken from the machine shop of the firm on the fourth floor. A combination knob on the safe was pried off, but all efforts of the thieves to open the door were futile.

Every desk in the office was ransacked and a small safe owned by a stenographer was broken open. It contained 25 cents. The rest of the contents were left lying about the safe. Entrance to the building was gained through a second-story window, reached from a fire escape.

\$1000 FIRE IN STORE

Defective Flue Starts Blaze in North Marshall Street Building.

Fire which started in the dry goods store of Nathan Belkin, 384 North Marshall street, at noon today, damaged the place and ruined goods valued at \$1000.

The blaze is said to have been caused by a defective flue. An alarm brought Engine Company No. 28 to the scene.

\$5,000,000 ADDED TODAY TO DEPOSITS IN RESERVE BANK

Stability and Soundness of City's Financial Institutions Reflected by Absence of Requests for Discounts.

Approximately \$5,000,000 was deposited today by the banks that are members of the reserve system in the new Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, which opened yesterday.

The new deposits will raise the amount of money handled by the bank in the two days of its existence to \$12,000,000, deposits amounting to \$5,000,000 having been made yesterday by the member banks in addition to the \$2,000,000 in new Federal Reserve Bank notes that were received from Washington yesterday.

The deposits consist largely of bank notes, drafts and checks on the member banks, and gold. Despite the newness of the bank, the vast amounts of money are being handled with remarkable smoothness.

No commercial paper has been discounted at the bank. Governor Charles J. Rhoads says that the absence of excitement over the opening of the new bank and the absence of applications for discounts on commercial paper reflects the stability and soundness of the banks here. The local financial conditions have been improving for several weeks.

A satisfactory proportion of the new bank notes that accompanied the opening of the bank are being handled by the banks that are members of the new reserve bank made their deposits yesterday. Many of them, however, did not receive their notices to make deposits until today. Deposits are expected to be heavy for several days. The total deposit is estimated as varying amount between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000. Several Philadelphia banks were among the first depositors. The others have been unofficially asked to make their deposits later in the week to relieve the rush of the opening days.

The force at the new bank is made up of 12 regular clerks of at least six years' experience in the banking business, and several clerks who have been borrowed from the national banks to handle the extra business that accompanied the opening of the bank. No definite arrangements of the permanent force of the bank will be made until the bank has been operating for several days.

Governor Rhoads said that he had received more than 500 applications for the position of cashier, and that the salary for the time being will be appointive. The salaries paid will be about the same as those for similar positions in other banks.

\$35,000 NEEDED IN WEEK TO GET ORN OFF ON TIME

Thanksgiving Ship Will Sail Next Tuesday if Plea for Necessary Funds is Answered.

Second mercy ship, the Drn, scheduled to sail next Tuesday.

Thirty-five thousand dollars still required to fill the holds of the Orin.

Contributions for the second ship have passed the \$15,000 mark.

The ship is due to dock at the new municipal pier on Friday.

Five thousand dollars a day must be contributed.

A benefit performance at which noted stage stars will appear will be held next Tuesday at the Academy of Music.

Slowly but surely the contributions which will buy the food cargo for the Orin, whose other name is the Thanksgiving Ship, are coming in.

If all goes well, this second relief ship will pull out for Rotterdam next Tuesday, bearing in her hold 200 tons more than the well-provisioned Thelma carried.

In one week \$35,000 must be collected, and judging from the past performances of generous Philadelphians, this will not be a hard matter to accomplish.

If the interest of the city people seems to be somewhat on the wane, however, that of those throughout the State and in New Jersey and Delaware shows no abatement.

The morning's mail up at the relief ship headquarters in the basement of the Lincoln Building brought checks and contributions from many nearby towns.

The Wayne Football Club sent \$5 from Mrs. Charles Wentz, of Fairton, N. J., came 50 cents for five cans of condensed milk for a "starving Belgian baby."

The citizens of Hazleton, Pa., donated \$1. A little boy from Philadelphia, Pa., Teddie Russell by name, sent in 10 cents. A man from Reading, Pa., signified his intention of sending a cartload of potatoes. A Feltonville schoolboy tendered \$1.

In Elizabethtown, Pa., contribution was signed "Box 612," Dr. C. M. Koons, of Allentown, Pa., sent a check for \$5. A Wilmington contributor, hiding his generosity under the name de plume "No. 1," donated \$1, and another \$1 came from a Gibbstown, N. J., citizen. South Bethlehem was represented by a \$2 gift.

\$2000 IN ANOTHER FUND.

The largest check this morning was one for \$100 from N. D. Conroy and Mrs. George Conroy, 128 Spruce street. A \$515 contribution from the employes of the Ford Motor Company helped to swell the fund.

This afternoon two members of the Belgian Relief Fund, of which Paul Haggmans is in charge, with Charles C. Harrison as secretary, will appoint two men to drive trucks and other motor horse-drawn vehicles and other motor horse-drawn vehicles and other motor horse-drawn vehicles.

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RISE OF 25 CENTS A TON IN PRICE OF COAL AT HAND

All Grades Affected by Increase Designed to Recoup Losses.

Increase in the cost of all grades of coal to the consumer of 25 cents a ton is predicted today by coal men throughout the city. Although virtually all the storage yards are full, owing to the comparatively slight demand, due to fine fall weather, the coal men are expected to start changing the increased price within a few days. This will bring soft coal to \$7.25 a ton, stove coal to \$7.50 a ton, put coal to \$7.75 a ton and pea coal to \$8.25 a ton.

Some of the retail dealers say the big coal companies have sustained large losses this year and are trying to shift the burden to the consumer. Others declare that they are making only 15 cents a ton profit at present, and considering their investments they need to make 40 cents a ton profit.

DYING MAN SAYS WOMAN NEIGHBOR IN HOSPITAL SHOT HIM

Asserts Her Wound Came From Struggle for Revolver—Was Attacked, She Says.

Conflicting stories are told by a man dying in St. Timothy's Hospital from three bullet wounds, who declares he was shot by a woman, and by the latter, who also is in the hospital with bullet wounds in her hand, following a shooting affray at 151 Stanton street, Falls of Schuylkill.

The man is Angelo Altomare, 25 years old, and the woman is Mrs. Concetta Caruso. Both live at the Stanton street address. She declares Altomare shot himself after attacking her. The man says the woman started a quarrel, accusing him of circulating stories about her, and then shot him.

Special Policeman Frenckergast, of the Midvale and Ridge avenues station, was attracted to the house today by the sound of five shots in quick succession. He caught Altomare as he staggered out of the house and hurried the man to the hospital. On the way Altomare charged the woman, but she shot him and she also was taken into custody.

According to the woman, Altomare entered the house and in the presence of her three small children attacked her. She struggled with him, and finally managed to beat him off, she declares. Altomare, who is a bootblack, then drew a revolver, she asserts, fired twice at her, both shots taking effect in her hand, and then turned the weapon on himself.

Altomare told Magistrate Grella, of the Ridge and Midvale avenues station, he did not go into the house to injure the woman.

"She called me in," he said, "and accused me of saying things about her. She then took two revolvers from behind her and pointing them at me, said, 'If there are not enough bullets in one, I will use the other to kill you.' I was frightened and grabbed her arm as she started to fire. I felt a stinging pain, but managed to get the revolvers from her. In doing so a bullet struck her in the hand. I ran as fast as I could to the home of Mrs. Peter Dixon, 353 Flak avenue."

The injured man made his will at the same time, leaving all he had, \$58 in currency, to his aged mother in Italy. Emil Morley, 212 Stanton street, told the police he saw Altomare run up the street with a revolver in his hand. When he asked what was the matter the Italian replied, "She shot me."

Physicians at the hospital found Altomare had been shot once in the arm and twice through the body. The woman is not severely injured.

Neighbors corroborated the charge of the woman that Altomare had been trying to force his attentions on her. They say they frequently spoke of it to them, and declared she feared to tell her husband.

IMITATION BOMB EXPLODES, INJURING SURPRISED BOYS

High-powered Cartridge in Bucket Does Damage.

The explosion of an imitation bomb this morning resulted in severe injuries to four boys who "didn't know it was loaded." The bomb was a tin bucket filled with waste paper, which was fired by the lads and swung around on the end of a wire. The unexpected explosion was that of a high-powered rifle cartridge, which chanced to be among the burning paper.

The boys are: Louis Morano, 7 years old, 620 Kenilworth street; Tony F. Ardone, 12 years old, 520 Flitzwater street; Tony Boggio, 11 years old, 605 Fulton street, and Giuseppe Perayno, 528 Hobbs street.

According to the police, the youngsters found the bucket and proceeded to make a target of it, and finally succeeded in flourishing the fiery bomb around in the air. Hostilities came to a sudden halt with the explosion.

The most severely injured of the boys was Tony Ardone. A piece of jagged copper three-quarters of an inch long and half an inch in width was removed from his nose and a piece almost as large was found in his neck. All of the injured youngsters were treated at the Pennsylvania Hospital.

A boycott of the railroads at several stations where trolley connection with the city is required, has been suggested. A Suburban real estate dealer declares that he is in the proposal of the railroads to run to their business, and general depreciation of property values along the lines of the railroads, where commuters are likely to move nearer the city.

Meetings of civic associations and citizens in general along the Main Line of both the Pennsylvania and Reading lines are being planned. As the Interstate Commerce Commission made a general examination of the matter of passenger rates in connection with its study of the freight rate case, its decision on the proposed increase may be rendered without deliberation. For this reason, it is pointed out, prompt action is necessary if the suburban residents hope for any modification of the drastic changes made.

HORSEMEN WILL AID BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

Big Race Meet at Narberth Scheduled for Tomorrow.

Horsemen from all parts of this city and vicinity will journey to the Belmont Driving Park tomorrow at Narberth, where a race meet will be held for the benefit of the Belgians. Tickets have found way into many hands, and a good crowd is expected to watch the sport.

"Al" Saunders, who is managing the racing and, says the nearly